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TAGS: OREP (SPARKMAN, JOHN)

SUBJECT: CODEL SPARKMAN

REFERENCE: STATE 044911; KABUL 1337

1. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT OF SENATOR SPARKMAN AND DELEGATION TO PAKISTAN AND WILL DEVELOP SOME PLANS WHICH HOPE WILL BE INTERESTING BUT NOT EXHAUSTING. WE WILL MEET GROUP AT BORDER AS SUGGESTED IN KABUL 1337, AND WILL TRANSPORT TO PESHAWAR IN BUSES. BECAUSE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN PESHAWAR ARE NEITHER PLENTIFUL NOR COMFORTABLE AND ALSO BECAUSE THE SECURITY SITUATION THERE IS SOMEWHAT UNSETTLED, WE SUGGEST THAT GROUP SPEND JUST A FEW HOURS THERE TO TOUR CITY THEN FLY ON TO RAWALPINDI AND SPEND THE NIGHTS OF MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1 AT THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL. USAF AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN USING PESHAWAR AIRFIELD. THIS ITINERARY WOULD ELIMINATE A RATHER MONOTONOUS THREE HOUR-PLUS TRIP FROM PESHAWAR TO RAWALPINDI AND WOULD GIVE MORE TIME FOR AN INTERESTING PROGRAM IN RAWALPINDI/ ISLAMABAD.

2. WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1.

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WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SOONEST WHETHER

OR NOT THIS PROPOSED CHANGE IN ITINERARY IS
ACCEPTABLE SO THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THE GOVERN-
MENT OF PAKISTAN IN DEVELOPING SCHEDULE FOR
APRIL 1 INCLUDING EMBASSY BRIEFING AND A
DAYTIME VISIT TO THE TARBELA DAM (ONE OF THE
LARGEST IN THE WORLD). THIS DAM, WHICH IS IN
ITS FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETION, WAS FINANCED
BY THE WORLD BANK, THE UNITED STATES AND
VARIOUS OTHER COUNTRIES. FOR THE EVENING,
THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A DINNER WITH HIGH
PAKISTANI OFFICIALS.

3. RICHARD W. SMITH DESIGNATED AS CONTROL OFFICER.
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